

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application and for allowing claim 15.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Rejected claims 1-14 and 16 have been cancelled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 15 has been allowed by the Examiner, and is the only remaining claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C § 102

CLAIMS 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, AND 16 - FALLER

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,344,329 issued to Faller. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, and 16 have been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CLAIMS 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, AND 14 - GARRISON

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,480,318 issued to Garrison. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-12, 14, and 16 have been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C § 103

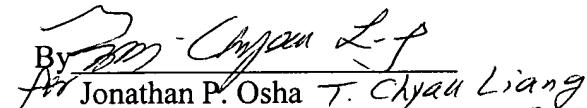
Claims 3, 8, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Garrison. Claims 3, 8, and 13 have been cancelled in this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 17066/002001).

Respectfully submitted,

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